

**BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION
MINUTES OF MEETING**

February 13, 2006

Open Session

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:45 am on the above date in Room 401, Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ronita Appiah, RN

Kathleen Breguet, RN, MSN

William Dodd, CRNA

Cristiana Rosa, PCNS, Vice President

Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN

Sharon Smith, RN, MSN, President

Eve Sweeney, RN, MSN

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Deborah Brown RN, MSN

Susan Day, RN, MS

Theresa Jeremiah, RN

Mary Dowd Struck, RN, CNM

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Charles Alexandre, MS, RN, Chief, Health Professions Regulations

Elizabeth James, RN, Complaint Unit

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

None

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Ms. Smith called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. A quorum was established.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF January 23, 2006

On motion of Ms. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Dodd, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

· Ms. Smith discussed a Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations regarding primary source verification of education and certifications by accredited agencies (information only).

DIRECTOR, NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION REPORT

· NCSBN press release, dated February 9, 2006, regarding the

implementation of new international test sites for the NCLEX® Examinations. Sites online effective April 1, 2006 include Sydney Australia; Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver, Canada; Frankfurt, Germany; Mumbai, New Delhi, Hyderabad, Bangalore, and Chennai, India; Mexico City, Mexico; and Taipei, Taiwan. Test sites will open at a later date at Chiyoda-ku and Yokohama, Japan.

- Board members were asked to review the proposed 2007 RN Test Plan and provide feedback to NCSBN.
- Copies of the NCSBN Report of the Invitational Forum of the Practice Education & Regulation Committee, dated January 26, 2006, were distributed.
- Mr. Alexandre turned the discussion over to Ms. Rosa to report on the meeting of the NCSBN Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Committee. Ms. Rosa reported that the RNP job analysis did not receive enough response to provide conclusive data; the Committee is discussion curriculum guidelines for the Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree; and that the Committee will be releasing a Vision Paper regarding advanced practice to the member boards for comment.

BUSINESS

- None.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms. Breguet, seconded by Mr. Dodd, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and

42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session adjourned at 9:30am.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ms. Smith called the Open Session back to Order at 12:20 pm.

VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 42-46-4 AND 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS

On motion of Ms. Appiah, seconded by Mr. Dodd, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

The Board unanimously voted the following actions in Executive Session at today's meeting:

RNP05-121 No Unprofessional Conduct

RN05-070 Ratified Consent Order, Probation, Probation

PN05-124 No Unprofessional Conduct, Letter of Concern

RN06-001 No Unprofessional Conduct

RN05-127 No Unprofessional Conduct, Letter of Concern

The Board unanimously voted to approve the nursing education program for the current academic year at the following schools:

- Community College of Rhode Island**
- Salve Regina University**
- University of Rhode Island**

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Breguet, seconded by Ms. Smith, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 12:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Breguet, Secretary